

Minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting Monday, May14, 2018

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Mayor Harry Ward. Council members in attendance were Kathy Lock, Bob Wood and Ken Lewis. Council member absent was Becky Craft. Community members in attendance are shown on the attached sign-in sheet.

2. Welcoming and Announcements

Harry acknowledged and thanked everyone for their support.

3. Approval of the May 14, 2018 meeting agenda

Motion: A motion was made by Ken Lewis to approve the May 14th, 2018, meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Kathy Lock. **The motion carried unanimously, 4 – 0.**

4. Approval of the April 09, 2018 Town meeting minutes

Motion: A motion was made by Ken Lewis to approve the April 09, 2018 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Kathy Lock. **The motion carried 4-0.**

5. Correspondence

Comcast sent a letter reviewing their new billing format.

We received a letter from PETA requesting that we consider changing the towns name to Sanctuary Beach. They feel that the name Sanctuary Beach is more compassionate than the current name. There was a lot of press coverage on this matter that reached markets across the country. Up until this meeting, we received more than 30 letters or emails asking us not to change the name and no letters asking to make a change. However, if there is a motion brought forth by any resident, the motion would be considered.

6. Reports

a. Treasurer's Report



*Kathy Lock presented the May 2018 Treasurer's Report, prepared by bookkeeper Jennifer Cornell. Kathy referred everyone to the handout copies that were provided prior to the meeting, we are currently under budget. **Motion:** Ken Lewis made a motion to approve the May 2018 Treasurer's Report subject to audit. Bob Wood seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.***

- b. Building Enforcement Officer/ Floodplain Administrator
Vice Mayor Lewis gave the report and said that Bob Clendaniel had worked 10.75 hours this month. Bob also issued 1 building report this past month.
- c. Tax Collector Report
The report for this month states that as of this meeting we have only \$340.00 outstanding.
- d. Town Street Committee
N/A
- e. Mayoral & Council updates
N/A
- f. *Artesian Presentation*

Artesian was represented by 4 people.

Dave Spacht - CFO

Elaine Crisp – Customer Service supervisor

Jeff Price – Manager of Southern DE Operations

Michael Bard – Outreach Advocate

Michael spoke first and stated that the company was founded in 1905, Artesian serves approx. 1/3 of all Delawareans.

They are also providing waste water treatment at Middletown and are working with parts pf Sussex county on another waste water project.

As of late, the company has been working on a lot of infrastructure projects

Elaine than talked about several customer service issues.

The office hours are 8AM to 5PM but there is a 24/7 customer service rep on duty.

There are several methods to make payments, E bill, Web, in person or in the mail.

There is also a website for customer service questions and answers.

Artesian also offers 2 grades of water supply protection for customers in Slaughter Beach

Dave talked about water testing and said that the samples were taken at the wellheads but also in the distribution system. Water is tested by their in-house lab but also at a state and EPA approved independent Lab. All customers will receive an annual report in July but if there is an issue, you will be informed ASAP,

Residents should make sure that their Phone numbers and Email are updated to receive an update.

They currently don't charge for a water tie in but there might be a charge from the PSC.

Although they will install meters at some point, it might not be for another 2 -5 years.

7. Old Business

- a. Sand on the beach
N/A

- b. USDA Wastewater and Water Grant
*The sewer Engineering report from DB&F was sent to USDA last month
We are waiting for a final report.*

- c. DNREC Resiliency Grant
We have a draft report and are waiting for the final report from DNREC.

- d. Board Walk at Marvel Ave.
Project is fully funded and we now have a project number. We expect a ground breaking in September.

e. 5k update

The 5k was held on May 8th at 9:00 AM. There were games, food, beer supplied by Dogfish, and a band. We raised over \$18,000 dollars and after expenses we will be able to present over \$6,500.00 each to the DNS and the Memorial VFD.

f. CULP Update

We hope to have the final review on May 22nd, the March 12th Culp meeting minutes were distributed.

Motion: *A motion was made by Kathy Lock to approve the March 12th, 2018, meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Ken Lewis. **The motion carried unanimously, 4 – 0.***

g. Harbor Update

Project is finished and the equipment is packed up. On May 25th, there will be a celebration. Federal, State, and Local Officials are expected to attend.

Lighthouse Road has also been raised to help with flooding issues.

h. Comp Cross Reference Update

. We have sent a letter to each property owner for you to update your contact information. So far, the response has been a little slow

i. New DEMA Grant

The town was approached by DEMA with a grant possibility to study the Hydrology during a flooding stage and what we might be able to do to lessen the effects from flooding. We should be notified of award by May 25th.

j. Slaughter Beach Water Company.

As reported last month, The Slaughter Beach Water Company has been sold to Artesian Water Resources in Newark, DE. There was a meeting with Artesian on March 28th. The minutes of the meeting were distributed.

Motion: *A motion was made by Ken Lewis to approve the March 28th, 2018, meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Kathy Lock. **The motion carried unanimously, 4 – 0.***

6 **New Business**

a. Town Security Camera

Work is slated to begin installation on May 24TH. The cable drops have been finished.

B Election timeline review.

As of this meeting we are up to date.

C Lucas Board donation to Memorial VFD.

The fire dept as requested a donation of \$8,000.00 to help with the cost of purchasing a Lucas board with is a device that supplied chest compressions will administering CPR.

Motion: *A motion was made by Kathy Lock to approve the donation. The motion was seconded by Ken Lewis. **The motion carried unanimously, 4 – 0.***

D Parking Lot resurfacing.

After reviewing 3 bids for resurfacing the pavilion parking lot, it was agreed that the bid from Jerry's Paving offered the best value. The total expense will not exceed \$15,000.00

Motion: *A motion was made by Kathy Lock to approve the purchase. The motion was seconded by Ken Lewis. **The motion carried unanimously, 4 – 0.***

E Assoc of Bay Communities

The council has endorsed the effort of ABC to promote the use of dredged material on the Delaware bay beaches.

9 Open Forum

10 Upcoming Events

- Next Town Council meeting – June 11th 2018

11 Adjournment

Motion: *Kathy Lock made a motion to adjourn. Ken Lewis seconded it. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Robert G. Wood
Secretary